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(covering its work during 1991)

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LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

20 September 1991

Sir,

I have the honour to transmit herewith the report to the General Assembly of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in accordance with General Assembly resolution 45/34 of 20 November 1990. This report covers the work of the Special Committee during 1991.

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on the Situation with regard to
the Implementation of the Declaration
on the Granting of Independence to
Colonial Countries and Peoples

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New York

CHAPTER I

ESTABLISHMENT, ORGANIZATION AND ACTIVITIES OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE

A. Establishment of the Special Committee

1. The Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples was established by the General Assembly pursuant to its resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961. The Committee was requested to examine the application of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, contained in Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and to make suggestions and recommendations on the progress and extent of the implementation of the Declaration.

2. At its seventeenth session, after considering the report of the Special Committee, 1/ the General Assembly adopted resolution 1810 (XVII) of 17 December 1962, by which it enlarged the Special Committee with the addition of seven new members. It invited the Committee "to continue to seek the most suitable ways and means for the speedy and total application of the Declaration to all Territories which have not yet attained independence".

3. At the same session, by its resolution 1805 (XVII) of 14 December 1962 on the question of South West Africa, the General Assembly requested the Special Committee to discharge, mutatis mutandis, the tasks assigned to the Special Committee for South West Africa by resolution 1702 (XVI) of 19 December 1961. By its resolution 1806 (XVII) of 14 December 1962, the Assembly decided to dissolve the Special Committee for South West Africa.

4. By resolution 1970 (XVIII) of 16 December 1963, adopted at its eighteenth session, the General Assembly decided to dissolve the Committee on Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories and requested the Special Committee to study the information transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations. It also requested the Committee to take that information fully into account in examining the situation with regard to the implementation of the Declaration in each of the Non-Self-Governing Territories and to undertake any special study and prepare any special report it might consider necessary.

5. At the same session and at each subsequent session, the General Assembly, after considering the report of the Special Committee, 2/ has adopted a resolution renewing the mandate of the Committee.

6. On the occasion of the tenth, twentieth, twenty-fifth and thirtieth anniversaries of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the General Assembly, by approving the related reports of the Special Committee, adopted resolutions 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, 35/118 of 11 December 1980, 40/56 of 2 December 1985 and 45/33 of 20 November 1990, containing a series of recommendations with a view to facilitating the speedy implementation of the Declaration.

7. At its forty-fifth session, after considering the report of the Special Committee, 3/ the General Assembly adopted resolution 45/34 of 20 November 1990, by which it, inter alia:

"5. Approves the report of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples covering its work during 1990, including the programme of work envisaged for 1991; 4/

"...

"12. Requests the Special Committee to continue to seek suitable means for the immediate and full implementation of General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) in all Territories that have not yet attached independence and, in particular:

"(a) To formulate specific proposals for the elimination of the remaining manifestations of colonialism and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its forty-sixth session;

"(b) To make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security;

"(c) To continue to examine the compliance of Member States with resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions on decolonization;

"(d) To continue to pay special attention to the small Territories, in particular through the dispatch of visiting missions to those Territories whenever the Special Committee deems it appropriate, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence;

"(e) To take all necessary steps to enlist world-wide support among Governments, as well as national and international organizations, for the achievement of the objectives of the Declaration and the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations;

"13. Calls upon the administering Powers to continue to cooperate with the Special Committee in the discharge of its mandate and to receive visiting missions to the Territories to secure first-hand information and ascertain the wishes and aspirations of their inhabitants, and urges, in particular, those administering Powers which do not participate in the work of the Special Committee to do so at its 1991 session;".

8. At the same session, the General Assembly, on the basis of the recommendation of the Special Committee, adopted resolution 45/33 of 20 November 1990 on the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, by which it requested the Special Committee to continue to examine the full compliance of all States with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) and other relevant resolutions on the question of decolonization, to seek the most suitable ways for the speedy and total application of the Declaration to all Territories to

which it applies and to propose to the Assembly specific measures for the complete implementation of the Declaration in the remaining colonial Territories.

9. At the same session, the General Assembly also adopted 18 other resolutions, 2 consensuses and 5 decisions relating to specific Territories or other items on the agenda of the Special Committee, as well as a number of other resolutions relevant to the work of the Committee, by which the Assembly entrusted the Committee with specific tasks in relation to these Territories and items. These decisions are listed below.

1. Resolutions, consensuses and decisions concerning specific Territories

Resolutions

Territory	Resolution No.	Date of adoption
Western Sahara	45/21	20 November 1990
New Caledonia	45/22	20 November 1990
Anguilla	45/23	20 November 1990
Bermuda	45/24	20 November 1990
British Virgin Islands	45/25	20 November 1990
Cayman Islands	45/26	20 November 1990
Montserrat	45/27	20 November 1990
Turks and Caicos Islands	45/28	20 November 1990
Tokelau	45/29	20 November 1990
American Samoa	45/30	20 November 1990
United States Virgin Islands	45/31	20 November 1990
Guam	45/32	20 November 1990

Consensuses

Territory	Decision No.	Date of adoption
Gibraltar	45/407	20 November 1990
Pitcairn	45/408	20 November 1990

Decisions

Territory	Decision No.	Date of adoption
East Timor	45/402	21 September 1990
St. Helena	45/409	20 November 1990
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	45/424	12 December 1990

2. Resolutions concerning other items

Item	Resolution No.	Date of adoption
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations	45/16	20 November 1990
Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa	45/17	20 November 1990
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	45/18	20 November 1990
United Nations Educational and Training Programme for Southern Africa	45/19	20 November 1990
Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories	45/20	20 November 1990
Dissemination of information on decolonization	45/35	20 November 1990

3. Decisions concerning other questions

Question	Decision No.	Date of adoption
Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration which might be impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	45/406	20 November 1990
International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism	45/410	20 November 1990

10. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 1990, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, 5/ decided to include in the

provisional agenda of its forty-sixth session the item entitled "Question of East Timor" (decision 45/402).

11. At its 66th plenary meeting, on 12 December 1990, the General Assembly took note of the letter dated 21 February 1990 from the representatives of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Secretary-General 6/ and decided to include the item entitled "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)" in the provisional agenda of the forty-sixth session (decision 45/424).

4. Other resolutions and decisions relevant to the work of the Special Committee

12. Other resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session which were relevant to the work of the Special Committee and which were taken into consideration by the Special Committee are listed in a note by the Secretary-General on the Committee's organization of work (A/AC.109/L.1754).

13. Prior to the adoption of resolutions 45/34, by which the General Assembly approved the proposals contained in the report of the Special Committee regarding the Committee's proposed programme of work for 1991; and 45/35 of 20 November 1990 concerning the dissemination of information on decolonization, the Assembly had before it the report of the Fifth Committee on the programme budget implications of the recommendations contained in the draft resolutions. 7/ Consideration of this matter by the Fifth Committee was based on the related statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/45/35) and the oral statement by the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (see A/C.5/45/SR.31).

5. Membership of the Special Committee

14. At its 55th plenary meeting, on 4 December 1990, the General Assembly, on the nomination of its President, confirmed the appointment of Papua New Guinea as a member of the Special Committee (decision 45/312).

15. As at 1 January 1991, the Special Committee was composed of the following 25 members:

Afghanistan
Bulgaria
Chile
China
Congo
Côte d'Ivoire
Cuba
Czechoslovakia
Ethiopia
Fiji
India
Indonesia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Iraq
Mali
Norway
Papua New Guinea
Sierra Leone
Syrian Arab Republic
Trinidad and Tobago
Tunisia
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics
United Republic of Tanzania
Venezuela
Yugoslavia

A list of representatives who attended the meetings of the Special Committee in 1991 appears in documents A/AC.109/INF/29 and Add.1.

B. Opening of the Special Committee's meetings in 1991 and election of officers

16. The Secretary-General addressed the Special Committee at its opening (1377th) meeting, on 21 February 1991. The Chairman made a statement at the same meeting (A/AC.109/PV.1377).

17. Also at the same meeting, the Special Committee unanimously elected the following officers:

Chairman: Mr. Tesfaye Tadesse (Ethiopia)

Vice-Chairmen: Mr. Ricardo Alarcón de Quesada (Cuba)
Mr. Sverre J. Bergh Johansen (Norway)
Mr. Alexander Slaby (Czechoslovakia)

Rapporteur: Mr. Mohammad Najdat Shaheed (Syrian Arab Republic)

C. Organization of work

18. At its 1377th meeting, on 21 February 1991, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work put forward by the Chairman (A/AC.109/L.1755), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to maintain its Working Group, which would continue to function as a steering committee, its Subcommittee on Petitions, Information and Assistance and its Subcommittee on Small Territories.

19. BY adopting the Chairman's suggestions referred to above, the Special Committee also requested its subsidiary bodies to meet as soon as possible to organize their respective programmes of work for the year and, in addition to considering the items indicated in paragraph 20, to carry out the specific tasks assigned to the Committee by the General Assembly concerning the items referred to them.

20. The Special Committee further decided to adopt the suggestions of the Chairman relating to the allocation of items and the procedure for their consideration (A/AC.109/L.1755, paras. 2 and 3).

21. Statements relating to the organization of work were made at the 1377th meeting, on 21 February, by the Chairman and by the representatives of Indonesia, Portugal, New Zealand, Cuba, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Tunisia, Czechoslovakia and the Congo, in his capacity as Chairman of the Fourth Committee (A/AC.109/PV.1377); at the 1378th meeting, on 22 April, by the Chairman and by the representatives of Norway, Czechoslovakia, the United States of America, Cuba, Chile, the United Republic of Tanzania, Papua New Guinea, Mali, Tunisia, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq (A/AC.109/PV.1378); at the 1379th meeting, on 23 April, by the Chairman and by the representatives of Trinidad and Tobago, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Cuba, Mali, Papua New Guinea, Norway, Czechoslovakia, Venezuela,

the United Republic of Tanzania, Sierra Leone and New Zealand (A/AC.109/PV.1379); at the 1381st meeting, on 1 August, by the Acting Chairman and the representative of Tunisia (A/AC.109/PV.1381); at the 1382nd to 1386th meetings, between 5 and 8 August, by the Acting Chairman (A/AC.109/PV.1382-1386); at the 1388th meeting, on 9 August, by the Acting Chairman and by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Ethiopia, Norway, Papua New Guinea, India and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (A/AC.109/PV.1388); at the 1392nd meeting, on 13 August, by the Acting Chairman (A/AC.109/PV.1392); at the 1393rd meeting, on 14 August, by the Acting Chairman and the representatives of Norway, Ethiopia and Papua New Guinea, as well as by the Committee Secretary (A/AC.109/PV.1393); at the 1394th meeting, on the same day, by the Acting Chairman and the representative of Norway (A/AC.109/PV.1394); at the 1396th meeting, on 15 August, by the representatives of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Syrian Arab Republic, as well as by the Acting Chairman (A/AC.109/PV.1396); and at the 1397th meeting, on 23 August, by the Acting Chairman (A/AC.109/PV.1397). At the 1378th meeting, on 22 April, with the Committee's consent, statements were made by the Acting Chairman (United Arab Emirates) of the Fourth Committee as well as by the representative of the Government of the United States Virgin Islands (A/AC.109/PV.1378).

22. At its 1397th meeting, on 23 August, on the basis of the recommendations contained in the 98th report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1770), the Special Committee took further decisions relating to its organization of work.

Representation of the Special Committee

23. The Special Committee was represented at the following conferences and meetings:

(a) The fifty-fifth ordinary session of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa, held at Arusha in February (see para. 108);

(b) The fifty-third ordinary session of the Council of Ministers of OAU, held at Addis Ababa in February/March (see para. 107);

(c) A solemn meeting of the Special Committee against Apartheid in observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, held in New York in March (see para. 101);

(d) The fifty-fourth ordinary session of the Council of Ministers of OAU, held at Abuja in May/June (see para. 107);

(e) The twenty-seventh ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of OAU, held at Abuja in June (see para. 107);

(f) The Tenth Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Accra in September (see para. 105).

D. Meetings of the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies

24. In keeping with its resolve to continue taking all possible measures to rationalize the organization of its work, and with the full and close cooperation of its entire membership, the Special Committee and its subsidiary bodies were again able to keep to a minimum the number of their formal meetings, as indicated below, by holding whenever possible informal meetings and extensive consultations through Committee officers.

1. Special Committee

25. The Special Committee held 21 meetings at Headquarters during 1991, as follows:

First part of the session:

1377th meeting, on 21 February 1991;

Second part of the session:

1378th to 1397th meetings, from 22 April to 23 August.

26. During the session, the Special Committee considered in plenary meetings the following questions and adopted decisions thereon, as indicated below:

Question	Meetings	Decision
Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 e of the Charter of the United Nations	1381, 1383	A/46/23 (Part IV), chap. VII, para. 8
Question of sending visiting missions to Territories	1381, 1383, 1387, 1393	A/46/23 (Part II), chap. III, para. 15
Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations	1382, 1383, 1386, 1393, 1397	A/46/23 (Part IV), chap. VI, para. 17
Activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa	1382, 1383, 1386, 1393, 1397	A/46/23 (Part III), chap. IV, para. 11

Question	Meetings	Decision
Military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration which might be impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples	1382, 1383, 1386, 1393, 1397	A/46/23 (Part III), chap. V, para. 10
Gibraltar	1383	A/46/23 (Part V), chap. VIII, para. 15
East Timor	1383-1385	A/46/23 (Part V), chap. VIII, para. 12
American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, Pitcairn, St. Helena	1383, 1386, 1387, 1393	A/46/23 (Part VI), chap. IX, para. 22
New Caledonia	1383, 1388	A/46/23 (Part V), chap. VIII, para. 24
Special Committee decision of 17 August 1989 concerning Puerto Rico	1389-1392, 1394, 1395	A/46/23 (Part I), chap. I, para. 56
Falkland Islands (Malvinas)	1387, 1394	A/46/23 (Part VII), chap. X, para. 14
Western Sahara	1393, 1395	A/46/23 (Part V), chap. VIII, para. 28

27. The Special Committee considered the items allocated to its subsidiary bodies on the basis of the reports of the respective bodies (see paras. 29, 32 and 37) and adopted decisions as indicated below.

2. Subsidiary bodies

(a) Working Group

28. At its 1377th meeting, the Special Committee decided to maintain its Working Group. It was further decided at the same meeting that the composition of the Working Group would be as follows: Congo, Fiji and Iran (Islamic Republic of), together with the five officers of the Committee, namely, the Chairman (Ethiopia), the three Vice-Chairmen (Cuba, Norway and Czechoslovakia) and the Rapporteur (Syrian Arab Republic), as well as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Petitions, Information and Assistance (Papua New Guinea) and the Chairman (Tunisia) and the Rapporteur (Venezuela) of the Subcommittee on Small Territories.

29. During the period covered by the present report, the Working Group held one meeting, as well as a number of unofficial meetings, and submitted a report (A/AC.109/L.1770).

(b) Open-ended Working Group established at the 1379th meeting, on 23 April 1991

30. At its 1379th meeting, the Special Committee decided to establish an open-ended Working Group to consider the remarks, suggestions and proposals made on the rationalization of the work of the Committee and to submit its recommendations to the Committee.

31. At the same meeting, the Special Committee elected Mr. Renagi Renagi Lohia, Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations, as Chairman of the Group.

32. The open-ended Working Group held nine meetings between 29 April and 23 May and submitted a report (A/AC.109/L.1756).

(c) Open-ended Drafting Group

33. At its 1383rd meeting, on 7 August 1991, on the proposal of the Acting Chairman and in accordance with a decision taken by the Expanded Bureau on 6 August, the Special Committee decided to establish an open-ended Drafting Group to prepare the draft resolutions and decisions relating, respectively, to activities of foreign economic and other interests, military activities and arrangements, and implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies (see A/46/23 (Parts III and IV), chaps. IV-VI).

(d) Subcommittee on Petitions, Information and Assistance

34. Also at its 1377th meeting, the Special Committee decided to maintain its Subcommittee on Petitions, Information and Assistance.

35. At the same meeting, the Special Committee decided that the membership of the Subcommittee should be as follows:

Afghanistan	Iraq
Bulgaria	Mali
Congo	Papua New Guinea
Cuba	Sierra Leone
Czechoslovakia	Syrian Arab Republic
Indonesia	Tunisia
Iran (Islamic Republic of)	United Republic of Tanzania

36. At the same meeting, the Special Committee elected Mr. Renagi Renagi Lohia (Papua New Guinea) as Chairman of the Subcommittee.

37. The Subcommittee on Petitions, Information and Assistance held 8 meetings, as well as a number of unofficial meetings, between 11 April and 1 August and submitted a report on the items referred to it for consideration (A/AC.109/L.1760), which was subsequently considered by the Special Committee at its 1383rd and 1387th meetings, on 7 and 9 August.

38. An account of the Special Committee's consideration of the above-mentioned reports is set out in chapters II and VI (A/46/23 (Parts II and IV)), respectively, of the present report.

(e) Subcommittee on Small Territories

39. At its 1377th meeting, the Special Committee decided to maintain its Subcommittee on Small Territories.

40. At the same meeting, the Special Committee decided that the membership of the Subcommittee should be as follows:

Afghanistan	Iran (Islamic Republic of)
Bulgaria	Iraq
Chile	Mali
Côte d'Ivoire	Norway
Cuba	Papua New Guinea
Czechoslovakia	Trinidad and Tobago
Ethiopia	Tunisia
Fiji	United Republic of Tanzania
India	Venezuela
Indonesia	Yugoslavia

41. Also at the same meeting, the Special Committee elected Mr. Ghazi Jomaa (Tunisia) Chairman of the Subcommittee and Mr. José Acosta-Fragachán (Venezuela) Rapporteur.

42. The Subcommittee on Small Territories held 19 meetings, as well as a number of unofficial meetings, between 12 March and 2 August and submitted four reports which were subsequently considered by the Special Committee at the 1387th and 1393rd meetings:

(a) Pitcairn (A/AC.109/L.1762);

(b) St. Helena (A/AC.109/L.1763);

(c) Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands (A/AC.109/L.1764);

(d) American Samoa, Anguilla, Bermuda, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Guam, Montserrat, Tokelau, Turks and Caicos Islands, United States Virgin Islands (A/AC.109/L.1765 and Corr.1 and 2).

43. An account of the Special Committee's consideration of the reports of the Subcommittee relating to the above-mentioned Territories is contained in chapter IX of the present report (A/46/23 (Part VI)).

E. Question of the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable

44. At its 1377th meeting, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1755), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to allocate the question of the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable to

the Working Group as appropriate. In taking that decision, the Committee recalled that, in its report to the General Assembly at its forty-fifth session, 8/ it had stated that, subject to any directives that the Assembly might wish to give in that connection, it would continue, as part of its programme of work for 1991, to review the list of Territories to which the Declaration applied. The Committee further recalled that, by paragraph 5 of resolution 45/34, the Assembly had approved the report of the Committee, including the programme of work envisaged by the Committee for 1991.

45. At its 1397th meeting, the Special Committee considered the question on the basis of the recommendations contained in the 98th report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1770). The relevant paragraph of that report reads as follows:

> "9. The Working Group decided to recommend that the Special Committee should continue consideration of this question at its next session, subject to any directives which the General Assembly might give at it forty-sixth session."

46. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendations.

Special Committee decision of 15 August 1990 concerning Puerto Rico 9/

47. At its 1377th meeting, on 21 February 1991, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1755), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up separately an item entitled "Special Committee decision of 15 August 1990 concerning Puerto Rico" and to consider it at its plenary meetings.

48. The Special Committee considered the item at its 1389th to 1392nd, 1394th and 1395th meetings, between 12 and 15 August.

49. At the 1389th meeting, the Chairman drew attention to the report of the Rapporteur (A/AC.109/L.1768).

50. At the 1389th and 1390th meetings, the Chairman drew attention to a number of communications received from organizations expressing the wish to be heard by the Special Committee in connection with its consideration of the item. The Committee agreed to accede to those requests and heard the representatives of the organizations concerned as indicated below:

Representatives of organizations	Meeting
Mr. José Sagardía Pérez, Colegio de Abogados de Puerto Rico Puerto Rico	1389th
Ms. Marie Elaine Aloise, Comité Cagueño Pro-Estadidad	1389th
Dr. Olaguibeet A. López-Pacheco, Supremo Consejo del Grado 33, Puerto Rico, Inc.	1389th

Representatives of organizations	Meeting
Ms. Ivedith Irizarry, Respetable Logia Femenina Julia de Burgos	1389th
Mr. Fernando Martín García, Partido Independentista Puertorriqueño	1389th
Mr. José Milton Soltero Rodríguez, on behalf of Comité de Puerto Rico en la ONU	1389th
Mr. Juan Mari Brás, Causa Común Independentista	1389th
Mr. Carlos Gallisá, Puerto Rican Socialist Party	1389th
Mr. Bill Felice, International League for the Rights and Liberation of Peoples	1389th
Ms. Linda Backiel, on behalf of Center for Constitutional Rights	1389th
Mr. Ronald Fernández, Justice for Puerto Rico	1389th
Mr. John F. Alleman, Option Independence	1389th
Mr. Rafael Soltero Peralta, on behalf of Gran Logia Nacional de Puerto Rico	1389th
Mr. Freddy Vílez-García, Center for Statehood Studies	1389th
Mr. Pedro Rossello, on behalf of Partido Nuevo Progresista	1390th
Mr. Luis Nieves Falcón, Ofensiva '92	1390th
Ms. Laura Albizu Meneses Campos, Nationalist Party of Puerto Rico	1390th
Mr. Kenneth D. McClintock, Democrats for Statehood	1390th
Mr. J. A. González-González, on behalf of Fundación Andrés Figueroa Cordero, Inc.	1390th
Mr. Rafael Cancel Miranda, on behalf of Comité Unitario Contra la Represión y por la Defensa de los Presos Políticos	1390th
Ms. Zaida "Cucusa" Hernández, New Progressive Party	1390th
Mr. Oreste Ramos, Organización Estadistas de San Juan	1390th
Mr. Rolando Silva, Estado Libre Asociado de Puerto Rico	1390th
Mr. William Kunstler, on behalf of the National Lawyers Guild	1390th

Representatives of organizations	Meeting
Ms. Jeanne E. Bishop, on behalf of The Brehon Law Society	1390th
Mr. Guillermo Zúñiga López, Consejo de Estudiantes de la Facultad de Estudios Generales de la Universidad de Puerto Rico	1390th
Mr. Dwight Rodríguez Orta, on behalf of Comité de Organizaciones Sindicales	1390th
Mr. Efrain E. Rivera Pérez, Statehooders in Action	1390th
Mr. Victor Caballero, on behalf of Grupo Federalistas de Empleados y Veteranos del Area Suroeste	1390th
Miss Linda González Bonilla, En Pro de la Estadidad para la Isla	1390th
Reverend S. Michael Yasutake, Prisoners of Conscience Project	1390th
Mr. Alberto Navarro Suárez, on behalf of Juventud en pro de la Definición del Status (Jóvenes Pro Estadidad)	1391st
Mr. Marco Antonio Rigau, Comisión de lo Jurídico	1391st
Mr. Luis Vega Ramos, Juventud Autonomista	1391st
Mr. Carlos Vizcarrondo, PROELA	1391st
Ms. Sonia I. Rivera, Movimiento de Liberación Nacional Puertorriqueño	1391st
Mr. Juan Manuel Delgado Colón, Comité Anti Plebiscito de Puerto Rico	1391st
Mrs. Elsie Valdés Ramos, Puertorriqueños Pro-Estadidad, Inc.	1391st
Mrs. Gloria Viera, Las Mujeres Estadistas de las Ramas del Programa de Salud	1391st
Mr. Luis V. Gutiérrez, City Council, City of Chicago	1391st
Ms. Celina Romany, American Association of Jurists	1391st
Mr. Miguel Angel Cardona, Comerciantes Fajardeños Pro-estadidad	1391st
Ms. Josefina Rodríguez, on behalf of National Committee to Free Puerto Rican Prisoners of War	1391st

Representatives of organizations	Meeting
Mr. Hipolito Robles Suárez, on behalf of Grupo Ex-Empleados Públicos en Pro del Plebiscito	1391st
Mr. Steve Clark, Socialist Workers Party	1391st
Reverend Annie González, Northlake United Methodist Church	1391st
Mr. Billy Ocasio, Conference on the Puerto Rican Colonial Reality	1391st
Mr. Alexandro Torres Rivera, on behalf of Gran Oriente Interamericano de Puerto Rico	1391st
Mr. Carlos Pinheiro, Comité de Afirmación Puertorriqueña	1391st
Mr. Abel Nazario, Movimiento de Juventud	1392nd
Mr. Carlos Canache Mata, Partido Acción Democrática	1392nd
Mr. Freddy Muñoz, Movimiento al Socialismo	1392nd
Mr. Gustavo Tarre Briceño, Comisión Política Electoral Independiente	1392nd
Mr. Dhoruba Bin Wahad, on behalf of the Campaign to Free Black Political Prisoners and P.O.W.s in the U.S.	1392nd
Mr. Richard Harvey, International Association of Democratic Lawyers	1392nd

51. At the 1390th meeting, the representative of Venezuela, in the course of his statement, introduced draft resolution A/AC.109/L.1769, which read as follows:

"The Special Committee,

"Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and the resolutions and decisions of the Special Committee concerning Puerto Rico,

"Having examined the report of the Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the implementation of the resolutions concerning Puerto Rico, 10/

"Having heard statements and testimony representative of various viewpoints among the people of Puerto Rico and their social institutions,

"Bearing in mind the agreement of the Puerto Rican political leadership to request the President of the United States of America and the United States Congress to adopt legislation with a view to consulting the people of Puerto Rico so that they may express themselves freely, voluntarily, democratically and without interference on their political future,

"Aware of the appeal made by the President of the United States of America, Mr. George Bush, to the Congress that it should take the necessary steps to allow the people of Puerto Rico to reach a decision through a referendum,

"Deploring the delay in the legislative process for the approval of the holding of a referendum to determine the political status of Puerto Rico, which has caused postponement of the referendum beyond the expected date,

"1. "Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Puerto Rico to self-determination and independence, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and the application of the fundamental principles of that resolution with respect to Puerto Rico;

"2. Trusts that the United States Congress will continue the legislative process to enable the people of Puerto Rico to exercise their right to self-determination, through popular consultations, in accordance with the principles and practice of the United Nations;

"3. Requests the Rapporteur to report to the Special Committee on the implementation of its resolutions concerning Puerto Rico;

"4. Decides to keep the question of Puerto Rico under continuing review."

52. At the same meeting, the representative of Iraq made a statement (A/AC.109/PV.1390).

53. On 13 August, revised draft resolution A/AC.109/L.1769/Rev.1 was issued, incorporating the following changes:

(a) The fifth and sixth preambular paragraphs were revised to read:

"Aware of the appeal made by the President of the United States of America, Mr. George Bush, to the Congress that it should take the necessary steps to allow the people of Puerto Rico to exercise as soon as possible their right to self-determination,

"Deploring the fact that the United States Congress has not yet adopted the legal framework for the holding of a referendum to enable the people of Puerto Rico to determine their political future through the exercise of their right to self-determination,"

(b) The following two paragraphs were added as the seventh and eighth preambular paragraphs:

"Recognizing that the Legislative Assembly and the Governor of Puerto Rico, in the exercise of their powers, have approved legislation declaring Spanish to be the official language, thereby reaffirming the Latin American identity of Puerto Rico,

"Hoping that the international community will continue to afford Puerto Rico the opportunity to participate in those international activities which correspond to its political status,"

(c) Operative paragraph 2 was revised to read:

"2. Urges the United States Congress to adopt as soon as possible the legal framework to enable the people of Puerto Rico to exercise their right to self-determination, through popular consultations, in accordance with the principles and practice of the United Nations;".

54. At the 1395th meeting, the representative of Venezuela introduced oral revisions to revised draft resolution A/AC.109/L.1769/Rev.1 (A/AC.109/PV.1395) by which in the seventh preambular paragraph the words "thereby reaffirming the Latin American identity of Puerto Rico" would be deleted. In operative paragraph 2 of the English text, the word "Urges" would be replaced by "Trusts that", while in the Spanish text, the words "Exhorta al Congreso" would be replaced by "Confía que el Congreso".

55. At the same meeting, following statements by the representatives of Norway, Czechoslovakia and Papua New Guinea (A/AC.109/PV.1395), the Special Committee adopted revised draft resolution A/AC.109/L.1769/Rev.1, as further orally revised, by a roll-call vote of 9 to 1, with 10 abstentions (see para. 56). The voting was as follows:

In favour: Chile, Cuba, Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Republic of Tanzania, Venezuela.

Against: Norway.

Abstaining: Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Côte d'Ivoire, Czechoslovakia, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Mali, Tunisia, Yugoslavia.

Further statements were made by the representatives of Chile and Cuba (A/AC.109/PV.1395).

56. The text of the resolution (A/AC.109/1088) adopted by the Special Committee at its 1396th meeting, on 15 August 1991, to which reference is made in paragraph 55, is reproduced below:

The Special Committee,

Recalling the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples contained in General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960 and the resolutions and decisions of the Special Committee concerning Puerto Rico,

Having examined the report of the Rapporteur of the Special Committee on the implementation of the resolutions concerning Puerto Rico, 10/

Having heard statements and testimony representative of various viewpoints among the people of Puerto Rico and their social institutions,

Bearing in mind the agreement of the Puerto Rican political leadership to request the President of the United States of America and the United States Congress to adopt legislation with a view to consulting the people of Puerto Rico so that they may express themselves freely, voluntarily, democratically and without interference on their political future,

Aware of the appeal made by the President of the United States of America, Mr. George Bush, to the Congress that it should take the necessary steps to allow the people of Puerto Rico to exercise as soon as possible their right to self-determination,

Deploring the fact that the United States Congress has not yet adopted the legal framework for the holding of a referendum to enable the people of Puerto Rico to determine their political future through the exercise of their right to self-determination,

Recognizing that the Legislative Assembly and the Governor of Puerto Rico, in the exercise of their powers, have approved legislation declaring Spanish to be the official language,

Hoping that the international community will continue to afford Puerto Rico the opportunity to participate in those international activities which correspond to its political status,

1. Reaffirms the inalienable right of the people of Puerto Rico to self-determination and independence, in conformity with General Assembly resolution 1514 (XV) of 14 December 1960, and the application of the fundamental principles of that resolution with respect to Puerto Rico;

2. Trusts that the United States Congress will adopt as soon as possible the legal framework to enable the people of Puerto Rico to exercise their right to self-determination, through popular consultations, in accordance with the principles and practice of the United Nations;

3. Requests the Rapporteur to report to the Special Committee on the implementation of its resolutions concerning Puerto Rico;

4. Decides to keep the question of Puerto Rico under continuing review.

57. On 22 August, the text of the resolution was transmitted to the Permanent Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for the attention of his Government.

F. Consideration of other matters

1. Matters relating to the small Territories

58. At its 1377th meeting, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1755), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to include in its agenda for the current session an item entitled "Matters relating to the small Territories" and to consider it at its plenary meetings and at meetings of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, as appropriate.

59. In taking these decisions, the Special Committee took into account the provisions of the relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 45/34, by paragraph 12 (d) of which the Assembly requested the Committee "to continue to pay special attention to the small Territories, in particular through the dispatch of visiting missions to those Territories whenever the Special Committee deems it appropriate, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence".

60. During the year, the Special Committee and its Subcommittee on Small Territories gave extensive consideration to all phases of the situation obtaining in the small Territories (see chaps. VIII-X of the present report, A/46/23 (Parts V-VII)).

2. Compliance of Member States with the Declaration and other relevant resolutions on the question of decolonization

61. At its 1377th meeting, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1755), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to request the bodies concerned to take the above item into consideration in the discharge of the tasks entrusted to them by the Committee.

62. The subsidiary bodies accordingly took that decision into account in examining the items referred to them for consideration. The Special Committee also took that decision into account in its consideration of specific items in plenary meetings.

3. Question of holding a series of meetings away from Headquarters

63. At its 1377th meeting, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1755), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up the question of holding a series of meetings away from Headquarters as appropriate and to refer it to its Working Group for consideration and recommendations.

64. Having regard to its programme of work for 1992, the Special Committee, at its 1397th meeting, considered the question of holding meetings away from Headquarters, taking into account the provisions of paragraph 6 of General

Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI) of 27 November 1961 and paragraph 3 (9) of resolution 2621 (XXV) of 12 October 1970, by which the Assembly authorized the Committee to meet elsewhere than at United Nations Headquarters whenever and wherever such meetings might be required for the effective discharge of its functions. Also at its 1397th meeting, by approving the recommendations contained in the 98th report of its Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1770), the Committee decided, inter alia, to include in the appropriate section of its report to the Assembly a statement to the effect that it might consider accepting one or more invitations that might be extended in 1992 and that, if it decided to accept a given invitation, the Committee would request the Secretary-General to seek to allocate the necessary funds.

4. Pattern of conferences

65. At its 1377th meeting, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1755), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to take up as appropriate an item entitled "Pattern of conferences" and to refer it to its Working Group for consideration and recommendations. In so doing, the Committee was conscious of the fact that it had intiatied some important measures in rationalizing its work methods, many of which were subsequently incorporated in a number of resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly. Further recalling the measures it had taken heretofore in that connection, the Committee decided to continue to exercise its initiatives in the effective utilization of the limited conference resources and the further reduction of its documentation requirements.

66. During the year, the Committee also continued the practice of circulating communications and information material, as far as possible, in the form of informal notes and aides-mémoire in the original language of submission, thus curtailing documentation requirements by some 4,000 pages and accruing considerable savings for the Organization. A list of the official documents issued by the Committee during 1990 is contained in the annex to the present chapter.

67. At its 1397th meeting, the Special Committee considered the item on the basis of the recommendations contained in the 98th report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1770). The relevant paragraphs of that report read as follows:

> "5. The Working Group noted that during the year, the Special Committee had closely followed the guidelines set forth in the resolutions of the General Assembly on the pattern of conferences, in particular resolution 45/238 of 21 December 1990. By organizing its programme of work effectively and by holding extensive consultations and working in informal session, the Committee had been able to curtail considerably the number of its formal meetings. The Working Group recommended that the Special Committee should continue to pursue its efforts to limit its demands on the conference-servicing resources and to avoid as far as possible last-minute cancellation of scheduled meetings.
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> "6. The Working Group decided to recommend that, taking into account the probable workload of the Special Committee for 1992, the Committee should consider holding its meetings according to the following schedule:

(a) Plenary

February/June	As required
July/August	20 meetings (5 meetings a week)

(b) Subsidiary body

March/June	30 meetings (3 to 5 meetings a week)
July	As required

"7. It was understood that this programme would not preclude the holding of any ad hoc meetings that might be warranted and that the Special Committee might, in early 1992, review the scheduled meetings on the basis of new developments that might arise. The Working Group recommended that subject to any directives given by the General Assembly, the Special Committee should strive to keep its meetings to a minimum."

68. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendations.

5. Control and limitation of documentation

69. Also at its 1397th meeting, the Special Committee considered the above item on the basis of recommendations contained in the 98th report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1770). The relevant paragraph of that report reads as follows:

"8. The Working Group noted that, during the year, the Special Committee had taken further measures to control and limit its documentation in compliance with the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, in particular resolutions 34/50 of 23 November 1979 and 39/68 of 13 December 1984. Those measures included the circulation of its documents in provisional or unofficial form whenever appropriate. The Working Group recommended that, consistent with the goal of limiting documentation, the Special Committee should streamline its report to the General Assembly."

70. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendation.

6. Cooperation and participation of the administering Powers in the work of the Special Committee

71. In compliance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly, the delegations of New Zealand, Portugal and the United States, as representatives of the administering Powers concerned, continued to participate, in accordance with established procedure, in the related work of the Special Committee as reflected in chapters VIII and IX of the present report (A/46/23 (Parts V and VI)).

72. The delegations of France and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland did not participate in the work of the Committee. 11/

73. In its reports on the Territories under United Kingdom administration, the Subcommittee on Small Territories reiterated its regret at the non-participation of the United Kingdom. In view of the efforts deployed by the Special Committee to streamline and rationalize its work, the Subcommittee reiterated its appeal to the administering Power to reconsider its decision and to resume its participation in the work of the Special Committee.

74. In a related context, the Special Committee, at its 1387th meeting, on 9 August, adopted draft resolution A/AC.109/L.1758 on the question of sending visiting missions to Territories as resolution A/AC.109/1085. By this resolution the Committee called upon the administering Powers to cooperate or continue to cooperate with the United Nations by receiving United Nations visiting missions in the Territories under their administration and continued to call upon those administering Powers that were not participating in the work of the Special Committee to reconsider their decisions and to take an active part in the work of the Committee (see chap. III, para. 15, of the present report, A/46/23 (Part II)).

7. Participation of representatives of Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the Special Committee

75. The Special Committee, at its 1397th meeting, considered the following recommendation of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1770):

> "11. Taking into account the views expressed by the representatives of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories at the seminars organized by the Committee in Vanuatu and Barbados in observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, the Working Group decided to recommend that the Special Committee should consider, in cooperation with administering Powers, means of increasing the participation of those Territories in its work, particularly in the meetings of its Subcommittee. The Special Committee would be expected to maintain, in its budget proposals, its traditional estimates regarding this issue."

76. At the same meeting, the Special Committee adopted without objection the above recommendation of the Working Group.

8. Week of Solidarity with the Peoples of All Colonial Territories, as well as Those in South Africa, Fighting for Freedom, Independence and Human Rights

77. Under the terms of General Assembly resolution 2911 (XXVII) of 2 November 1972, by paragraph 2 of which the Assembly recommended that, "on the occasion of the Week, meetings should be held, appropriate materials should be published in the press and broadcast on radio and television and public campaigns should be conducted with a view to obtaining contributions to the Assistance Fund for the Struggle against Colonialism and Apartheid established by the Organization of African Unity", and as reflected in the

285th report of the Subcommittee on Petitions, Information and Assistance (A/AC.109/L.1760), a series of activities was undertaken in observance of the Week with the cooperation of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, assisted by United Nations information centres throughout the world (see chap. II, para. 8, of the present report, A/46/23 (Part II)).

78. On 23 May, the Chairman of the Special Committee issued a statement in commemoration of the Week, in which he reviewed developments in the field of decolonization, particularly in southern Africa. He stated that the international community stood in solidarity with all the colonized peoples throughout the world that had yet to exercise their inalienable right to self-determination and independence. It was its fervent hope, and a goal towards which it was striving every day, that as changes of a positive nature occurred in the area of international relations, they would augur favourably for the colonized peoples.

9. Representation at seminars, meetings and conferences of intergovernmental and other organizations

79. At its 1397th meeting, the Special Committee considered the following recommendation of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1770):

> "4. The Working Group proposed that the Special Committee recommend to the General Assembly that the Committee should continue to be represented at seminars, meetings and conferences organized by United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations active in the field of decolonization and also recommend that the Assembly should make appropriate budgetary provisions to cover such activities in 1992."

80. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendation.

10. International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism

81. At its 1377th meeting, the Special Committee, mindful of the mandate entrusted to it by the General Assembly in the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples, and by approving the recommendation of its Chairman on the Committee's organization of work for the year, decided to allocate to the Working Group and plenary meetings of the Committee an item entitled "International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism".

82. At its 1397th meeting, the Special Committee considered the item on the basis of the recommendations contained in the 98th report of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1770). The relevant paragraph of that report reads as follows:

> "10. With regard to the International Decade for the Eradication of Colonialism, the Working Group decided to recommend that the Committee should authorize the Chairman to consult with and assist the Secretary-General in the preparation and implementation of the draft plan of action to be submitted to the General Assembly in accordance with its resolution 43/47 of 22 November 1988."

83. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendation.

11. Seminar at United Nations Headquarters

84. At its 1397th meeting, the Special Committee considered the following recommendation of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1770):

> "12. In 1990, the Special Committee decided to postpone to 1991 the seminar at Headquarters provided for in General Assembly resolution 44/100 of 11 December 1989 on the Programme of Activities in Observance of the Thirtieth Anniversary of the Declaration. The postponement would enable the Committee to study a proposal by some non-governmental organizations that participants in the seminar include representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories themselves, especially young people.
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> "13. The proposed seminar received further consideration at a meeting of the expanded Bureau held on 6 August 1991 when the view was expressed that, since little was known about the non-governmental organizations involved, more information would be needed before a decision could be made.
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> "14. In the light of the foregoing, the Working Group decided to recommend to the Special Committee that the holding of a seminar should be further postponed. In the meantime, the Secretariat should be requested to obtain more information regarding the non-governmental organizations involved and alternative proposals for a seminar should be formulated."

85. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendation.

12. Follow-up to the seminars organized in 1990 by the Special Committee in observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration

86. At its 1397th meeting, the Special Committee considered the following recommendation of the Working Group (A/AC.109/L.1770):

> "15. The seminars held in Vanuatu and Barbados in 1990 emphasized, inter alia, the need for the Special Committee to reassess its approach and methodology with regard to the implementation of its mandate. As a consequence, in 1991 the Committee decided to recommend the streamlining of its procedures by merging its two subcommittees into one body in order to deal with the problems of individual Territories in a more focused way.
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> "16. Recognizing that reform is an ongoing process, the Working Group decided to recommend to the Special Committee that it should continue to consider new ways to make its work more effective, including giving consideration to all recommendations made by the seminars held in 1990, particularly those focusing on opening new channels for disseminating and

acquiring information and, in this context, that it should consider ways and means of improving regional collection and dissemination of information on decolonization."

87. At the same meeting, the Special Committee approved without objection the above-mentioned recommendation.

13. Report of the Special Committee to the General Assembly

88. At its 1377th meeting, by adopting the suggestions relating to the organization of its work (A/AC.109/L.1755) and in accordance with paragraph 31 of General Assembly decision 34/401 relating to rationalization of the procedures and organization of the Assembly, the Special Committee decided to follow the procedure adopted at its 1990 session 12/ in connection with the formulation of its recommendations to the Assembly at its forty-fifth session.

89. At its 1393rd meeting, the Special Committee decided to authorize its Rapporteur to prepare and submit directly to the General Assembly the various chapters of the report of the Committee in accordance with established practice and procedure.

14. Other questions

90. At its 1377th meeting, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1755), the Special Committee decided to request the bodies concerned, in their examination of specific Territories, to take into account the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions and decisions listed in the note by the Secretary-General on the organization of work of the Special Committee (A/AC.109/L.1754, para. 16).

91. This decision was taken into account during the consideration of specific Territories and other items at both subcommittee and plenary meetings.

G. Relations with United Nations bodies and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations

1. Security Council

92. In paragraph 12 (b) of its resolution 45/34 of 20 November 1990, the General Assembly requested the Special Committee "to make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security".

93. The Special Committee, on 12 September 1991, drew the attention of the Security Council to a resolution adopted at its 1393rd meeting, on 14 August, concerning the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands. 13/ An account of the Committee's consideration of the question of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands is set out in chapter IX of the present report (A/46/23 (Part VI)).

94. The Special Committee, on 4 September 1991, also drew the attention of the Security Council to the relevant paragraph of a decision adopted at its 1397th meeting, on 23 August, concerning military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration which might be impeding the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. 14/ An account of the Committee's consideration of the item is set out in chapter V of the present report (A/46/23 (Part III)).

2. Trusteeship Council

95. During the year, the Special Committee continued to follow closely the work of the Trusteeship Council relating to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

96. The Special Committee, on 12 September 1991, drew the attention of the Trusteeship Council to a resolution adopted at its 1393rd meeting, on 14 August, concerning the Trust Territory. 15/

3. Economic and Social Council

97. In connection with the Special Committee's consideration of the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations, and in accordance with paragraph 20 of General Assembly resolution 45/18 of 20 November 1990, relating to that item, consultations were held during the year between the President of the Economic and Social Council and the Chairman of the Committee to consider "appropriate measures for coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies ... in implementing the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly". Further, the Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations participated on behalf of the Committee in the Council's consideration of the related item. An account of the foregoing, and of the Committee's consideration of the item, is set out in chapter VI of the present report (A/46/23 (Part IV)).

4. Commission on Human Rights

98. During the year, the Special Committee followed closely the work of the Commission on Human Rights in regard to the question of the right of peoples to self-determination and its application to peoples under colonial or alien domination or foreign occupation, and to the question of the violation of human rights and fundamental freedoms in any part of the world, with particular reference to colonial and other dependent countries and Territories.

99. In its consideration of the Territories concerned, the Special Committee took into account the relevant resolutions adopted by the Commission on Human Rights, including resolutions 1991/5 of 15 February 1991, 1991/7, 1991/8, 1991/10 to 1991/12 and 1991/14 to 1991/16 of 22 February 1991, 1991/17 and 1991/18 of 1 March 1991, 1991/30 of 5 March 1991 and 1991/57 of 6 March 1991 and those of its Subcommission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities, including resolution 1990/23 of 30 August 1990. The Committee also took into account the relevant resolutions of the Economic and Social

Council, resolution 1990/49 of 25 May 1990, as well as those of the General Assembly, including resolutions 45/84, 45/87 to 45/91, 45/96, 45/97, 45/103, 45/105, 45/129 to 45/132, 45/135, 45/137 and 45/144 of 14 December 1990, 45/148 to 45/151, 45/155, 45/171 and 45/175 of 18 December 1990, and 45/176 A-H of 19 December 1990.

5. Special Committee against Apartheid

100. Bearing in mind the repercussions of the policies of apartheid on the situation in southern Africa, the Special Committee also continued to pay close attention during the year to the work of the Special Committee against Apartheid, and the officers of the two committees remained in close communication as regards matters of common interest.

101. The Chairman made a statement on behalf of the Special Committee on 21 March at a solemn meeting organized by the Special Committee against Apartheid in New York in observance of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (A/AC.115/PV.647).

6. Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

102. During the year, having regard to the relevant provisions of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination, the Special Committee continued to follow the work of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (see para. 110).

7. Specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations

103. In accordance with the requests contained in the relevant General Assembly resolutions, the Special Committee continued its consideration of the question of the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. In the same context, the Committee, through its Subcommittee on Petitions, Information and Assistance, again held consultations during the year with officials of several organizations. An account of these consultations and of the Committee's consideration of the question is set out in chapter VI of the present report (A/46/23 (Part IV)).

104. During the year, the Special Committee adopted decisions relating to the extension of assistance to the peoples of Non-Self-Governing Territories. These decisions are reflected in chapters VI and IX of the present report (A/46/23 (Parts IV and VI)).

8. Movement of Non-Aligned Countries

105. The Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea to the United Nations represented the Special Committee at the Tenth Conference of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Non-Aligned Countries, held at Accra from 2 to 7 September 1991.

9. Organization of African Unity

106. Bearing in mind its earlier decision to maintain contact with OAU on a regular basis in order to assist in the effective discharge of its mandate, the Special Committee, as in previous years, followed closely the work of that organization during the year and maintained close liaison with its General Secretariat on matters of common interest.

107. The Chairman represented the Special Committee at the fifty-third ordinary session of the Council of Ministers of OAU, held at Addis Ababa from 25 February to 1 March. The Permanent Representative of Papua New Guinea represented the Special Committee at the fifty-fourth ordinary session of the Council of Ministers of OAU and at the twenty-seventh ordinary session of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of OAU, held at Abuja from 27 May to 1 June and 3 to 5 June 1991, respectively.

108. In response to an invitation for the Special Committee to be represented at the fifty-fifth ordinary session of the OAU Coordinating Committee for the Liberation of Africa, held at Arusha on 20 and 21 February, the Chairman sent a message on behalf of the Committee.

10. Non-governmental organizations

109. Having regard to the relevant provisions of General Assembly resolutions 45/34 and 45/35 of 30 November 1990, the Special Committee continued to follow closely the activities of non-governmental organizations having a special interest in the field of decolonization. The related decisions of the Committee are reflected in chapter II of the present report (A/46/23 (Part II)).

H. Action relating to international conventions/studies/programmes

1. International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination 16/

110. At its 1377th meeting, on 21 February 1991, by adopting the suggestions put forward by the Chairman relating to the organization of the Committee's work (A/AC.109/L.1755), the Special Committee decided, inter alia, to include in its agenda for the current session an item entitled "International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination" and to consider it at its plenary meetings and at meetings of the Subcommittee on Small Territories, as appropriate.

111. The Special Committee continued during the year to monitor related developments in Territories, having regard to the relevant provisions of article 15 of the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination.

2. Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid

112. The Special Committee continued during the year to take into account the provisions of relevant General Assembly resolutions, in particular resolution 45/90 of 14 December 1990 in connection with its consideration of the related items and invited its Chairman to continue to extend all possible assistance to, and cooperate closely with, the Secretary-General in the discharge of the mandate entrusted to him by the Assembly in relation to the "Status of the International Convention on the Suppression and Punishment of the Crime of Apartheid".

113. The Special Committee, in a related context, took into account Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/10 of 22 February 1991 concerning the implementation of the Convention.

3. Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination

114. The Special Committee continued to take into account the provisions of the relevant resolutions of the United Nations bodies concerned relating to the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, including in particular General Assembly resolution 45/105 of 14 December 1990 and Economic and Social Council resolution 1991/2 of 29 May 1991 on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade, as well as the relevant report of the Secretary-General. 17/

115. During the year, the Special Committee, in a related context, took into account the relevant provisions of Commission on Human Rights resolution 1991/11 of 22 February 1991 concerning the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Second Decade to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination.

I. Review of work

116. As noted elsewhere in the current report, the Special Committee, in response to concerns expressed during the course of the debates during the forty-fifth session in the Fourth Committee and the General Assembly, took several important decisions during 1991 regarding the approach, methods and procedures of the Special Committee. Principal among these was the establishment of an open-ended Working Group to conduct an in-depth study of the issues involved and to make recommendations. The Committee adopted the report of the Working Group and the recommendations contained therein, which inter alia included (a) the merger of the Committee's two subcommittees (the Subcommittee on Petitions, Information and Assistance and the Subcommittee on Small Territories) with effect from January 1992; (b) streamlining and consolidation of resolutions, resulting in adoption of an omnibus resolution on 10 Territories; and (c) cooperation of administering Powers regarding the dispatch of visiting missions to Non-Self-Governing and other Territories under the purview of the Committee, the provision of timely and up-to-date information under Article 73 e of the Charter and the participation of representatives of the Non-Self-Governing and other Territories in the work of the Committee. The Committee also accepted the recommendations of the Working Group on the question of apartheid in the deliberations of the Special

Committee and the language used in the Committee's resolutions and decisions, including "name-calling" (A/AC.109/L.1756).

117. Accordingly, the Special Committee also recorded a reduction in the number of resolutions it adopted during the session. The most significant development in this connection was the adoption of a single omnibus resolution on 10 Territories, instead of the usual resolution on each Territory. However, individual resolutions were adopted on items of particular concern to the Special Committee including: implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations (A/AC.109/1089), military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration which might be impeding the implementation of the Declaration (A/AC.109/1090) and activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration (A/AC.109/1091).

118. On the question of the publicity to be given to the work of the United Nations in the field of decolonization, the Special Committee again stressed the need to mobilize world public opinion in support of the peoples of colonial Territories and their national liberation movements in their efforts to achieve self-determination, freedom and independence. Bearing in mind the important role being played by an increasing number of non-governmental organizations active in the field of decolonization, and in particular the full participation of non-governmental organizations from the Latin America, Caribbean and Pacific regions in the two regional seminars held by the Committee in observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration, the Committee reiterated its invitation to those organizations to continue and intensify their campaign against the evils and dangers of colonialism, as well as their support for all colonial peoples. The Committee considered it essential that concrete measures be taken to intensify the dissemination of information on decolonization issues - publicizing the activities of United Nations organs in the field of decolonization and providing wider dissemination of information on all colonial Territories. The Committee requested the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat to intensify its information activities on decolonization, both at United Nations Headquarters and through the effective deployment of the United Nations information centres, and report thereon to the Committee.

119. During the year, the Special Committee also continued its review of the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable. As regards its decision of 15 August 1990 concerning Puerto Rico, the Committee heard a number of representatives of organizations concerned and adopted a further resolution on the matter (A/AC.109/1088), which is set out in paragraph 56 of the present chapter.

120. In accordance with the guidelines established by the General Assembly, the Special Committee was able during the year to reduce to a minimum the number of its formal meetings and to minimize the wastage resulting from cancellation of scheduled meetings.

J. Future work

121. In accordance with the mandate entrusted to it in the relevant General Assembly resolutions, and subject to any further directives which it may receive from the Assembly during the latter's forty-sixth session, the Special Committee intends during 1992 to pursue its efforts in seeking the best ways and means for the immediate and full implementation of the Declaration in all Territories that have not yet attained independence. In particular, the Committee will keep under scrutiny developments concerning each Territory, as well as the compliance by all States, in particular the administering Powers, with the relevant decisions and resolutions of the United Nations. On the basis of that review, the Committee will continue to submit conclusions and recommendations on the specific measures necessary to achieve the objectives set out in the Declaration and the relevant provisions of the Charter.

122. The Special Committee will continue to make concrete suggestions which could assist the Security Council in considering appropriate measures under the Charter with regard to developments in colonial Territories that are likely to threaten international peace and security.

123. The Special Committee will continue to pay special attention to the small Territories, whenever possible by dispatching visiting missions to those Territories, and to recommend to the General Assembly the most suitable steps to be taken to enable the populations of those Territories to exercise their right to self-determination and independence. In making those recommendations, the Committee will take into consideration the summaries of discussions contained in the reports of the two regional seminars, which might serve as a basis in formulating programmes appropriate for follow-up action. The Committee also intends to continue its review of the list of Territories to which the Declaration is applicable.

124. The Special Committee intends to continue its consideration of further measures to bring an end to the activities of foreign economic and other interests which are impeding the implementation of the Declaration in Territories under colonial domination and efforts to eliminate colonialism, apartheid and racial discrimination in southern Africa. Further, the Committee intends to continue its study of military activities and arrangements by colonial Powers in Territories under their administration which might be impeding the implementation of the Declaration.

125. The Special Committee plans to continue its consideration of the implementation of the Declaration by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. In so doing, the Committee will once again review the action taken or envisaged by international organizations in the implementation of the relevant resolutions of the General Assembly. The Committee will hold further consultations and contacts with those organizations, as appropriate. The Committee will also be guided by the results of further consultations, to be held in 1992 between its Chairman and the President of the Economic and Social Council within the context of the relevant decisions of the Assembly, the Council and the Committee itself. Further, the Committee will maintain close contact on a regular basis with the Secretary-General of OAU and senior members of the organization, as well as with other relevant organizations, such as the Organization of American States, the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the

South Pacific Forum, with a view to facilitating the effective implementation of the decisions of the various United Nations bodies by the specialized agencies and other organizations concerned.

126. In its resolutions relating to specific Territories, the General Assembly has repeatedly called upon the administering Powers to cooperate or continue to cooperate with the Special Committee by permitting access of visiting missions to the Territories under their administration. Having regard to the constructive role played by previous United Nations visiting missions to colonial Territories, the Committee continues to attach vital importance to the dispatching of such missions as a means of collecting adequate and first-hand information on conditions in the Territories and on the wishes and aspirations of the people concerning their future status. Accordingly, the Committee will continue to seek the full cooperation of the administering Powers in order to obtain such information through the sending, as appropriate, of visiting missions to Territories.

127. In relation to the question of Western Sahara, the Special Committee decided, in accordance with past practice and in order to discharge its responsibilities and to fulfil its mandate, to dispatch a mission to the Territory during the holding of the referendum.

128. Conscious of the importance which the General Assembly attaches to the need for a continuous world-wide campaign of publicity in the field of decolonization, the Special Committee will give its continous attention to the question of dissemination of information on decolonization. In particular, the Committee expects to continue its review of the relevant programmes of publications and other information activities envisaged by the Department of Public Information and the Department for Special Political Questions, Regional Cooperation, Decolonization and Trusteeship. The Committee will again make appropriate recommendations, for consideration by the Assembly, on the ways and means of ensuring the widest possible dissemination of the relevant information. The Assembly will no doubt wish to urge the administering Powers to cooperate with the Secretary-General in promoting the large-scale dissemination of information in the Territories concerned.

129. In view of the importance that it attaches to the role of non-governmental organizations active in the field of decolonization in support of the peoples of the dependent Territories, the Special Committee will continue to seek the close collaboration of such organizations with a view, inter alia, to enlisting their support in the dissemination of the relevant information and in the mobilization of world public opinion in the cause of decolonization. To that end, it is the Committee's intention also to continue to participate in conferences, seminars and other special meetings dealing with decolonization, arranged by those organizations, as well as such meetings as may be organized by the United Nations bodies concerned and other intergovernmental organizations.

130. Taking into account the views expressed by the representatives of the remaining Non-Self-Governing Territories at the seminars organized by the Special Committee in Vanuatu and Barbados in observance of the thirtieth anniversary of the Declaration, 18/ as well as the recommendations of the Working Group, the Committee will continue to consider, in cooperation with the administering Powers, how to intensify and improve the participation of

the representatives of those Territories in the work of the Committee within the existing resources.

131. In the light of the provisions of the General Assembly resolutions concerning the pattern of conferences, and taking into consideration its experience in previous years, as well as its probable workload for next year, the Special Committee has approved a tentative programme of meetings for 1992-1993, which it commends for approval by the Assembly. In the same connection, as authorized by the Assembly, the Committee intends to meet elsewhere than at United Nations Headquarters whenever and wherever such meetings might be required for the effective discharge of its functions. Subject to the availability of the requisite conference services and facilities, the Committee will consider accepting such invitations as might be received in that connection in 1992 and, when particulars of such meetings become known, it would request the Secretary-General to seek the necessary budgetary provision in accordance with established procedure.

132. The Special Committee suggests that, when the General Assembly examines the question of the implementation of the Declaration at its forty-sixth session, it may wish to take into account the various recommendations of the Committee which are reflected in the relevant chapters of the present report and, in particular, to endorse the proposals outlined in the present section in order to enable the Committee to carry out the tasks it envisages for 1992. In addition, the Committee recommends that the Assembly should renew its appeal to the administering Powers to take all necessary steps for the implementation of the Declaration and the relevant United Nations resolutions, in accordance with the freely expressed wishes of the peoples of the Territories concerned. In this connection, the Committee recommends that the Assembly should again request the administering Powers to cooperate or continue to cooperate with the Committee in the discharge of its mandate and, in particular, to participate actively in the work relating to the Territories under their respective administrations. Bearing in mind the affirmation by the Assembly that direct association of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and the specialized agencies is an effective means of promoting the progress of the peoples of those Territories towards a position of equality with States Members of the United Nations, the Committee also recommends that the Assembly should continue to invite the administering Powers to allow representatives of the Territories concerned to participate in the discussions in the Fourth Committee and the Special Committee of the items relating to their respective Territories. Further, the Assembly might also wish to renew its appeal to all States, the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system to comply with the various requests addressed to them by the Assembly and the Security Council in their relevant resolutions.

133. The Special Committee recommends that, in approving the programme of work outlined above, the General Assembly should make adequate provision to cover the activities the Committee envisages for 1992. In this regard, the Special Committee recalls that in his proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993 the Secretary-General has included estimates in respect of the regular programme of work of the Special Committee for 1992 and 1993 based on the level of activities approved for the year 1991, without prejudice to the decisions to be taken by the General Assembly at its forty-sixth and forty-seventh sessions. On that basis, the Special Committee understands that

adequate provisions would be approved by the General Assembly. Should the Committee decide to hold a series of meetings away from Headquarters (see para. 131) within the context of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 1654 (XVI) and paragraph 3 (9) of Assembly resolution 2621 (XXV) and when particulars of such meetings become available, it is understood that the Secretary-General will, subject to the availability of the requisite conference services and facilities, seek the necessary budgetary provision in accordance with established procedure. Finally, the Committee expresses the hope that the Secretary-General will continue to provide it with all the facilities and personnel necessary for the discharge of its mandate, taking into account the various tasks assigned to it by the Assembly as well as those arising from decisions taken by it during the current year.

K. Conclusion of 1991 session

134. At its 1393rd meeting, on 14 August, the Special Committee decided to request the Rapporteur to prepare and submit the present report directly to the General Assembly, in accordance with established practice.

135. At the 1397th meeting, on 23 August, the Chairman made a statement on the occasion of the closing of the Special Committee's 1991 session (A/AC.109/PV.1397).

Notes

1/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventeenth Session, Annexes, addendum to agenda item 25, document A/5238.

2/ See the reports of the Special Committee submitted to the General Assembly at its eighteenth to forty-fifth sessions. For the most recent, see Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/44/23); and ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/45/23).

3/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/45/23).

4/ Ibid., chap. I, sect. J.

5/ Ibid., Forty-fifth Session, Annexes, agenda item 8, document A/45/250, para. 30.

6/ A/45/136-S/21159; see Official Records of the Security Council, Forty-fifth Year, Supplement for January, February and March 1990, document S/21159.

7/ A/45/686.

8/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/45/23), chap. I, para. 123.

9/ Ibid., para. 49.

10/ A/AC.109/L.1768 and Corr.1.

11/ For the explanation of their non-participation, see document A/42/651, annex; see also Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/41/23), chap. I, paras. 76 and 77.

12/ Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 23 (A/45/23), chap. I, paras. 77-79.

13/ S/23035.

14/ S/23014.

15/ T/1959.

16/ General Assembly resolution 2106 A (XX) of 21 December 1965, annex.

17/ E/1991/39.

18/ See A/AC.109/1040 and Corr.1 and A/AC.109/1043.

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